AND ANYWAY, WHAT THE HECK WERE YOU DOING TURNING OFF MY ALARM CLOCK!!

ARE YOU READY TO GO, KURO-GANE?

WAIT! HOLD ON!

I'M NOT DONE CHANGING YET!!

I'M SORRY! I WAS HALF ASLEEP!

HOH-YO-YO--!!!

LAST NIGHT YOU EXHAUSTED YOURSELF SO MUCH YOU ALMOST FAINTED.

She was even napping in the bath.

WELL... NO HELPING IT, I GUESS.

B- -AM

YOU ARE STILL HALF-ASLEEP !!!

ALL RIGHT!!

LET US SET OUT, MOKA-CHAN!

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HYOH...!

ONCE WE GET THE NEW RULES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO STEAL STARS AGAIN AT LAST!

THOUGH IF WE MISS THE BRIEF-ING, WE WON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON.

STILL THOUGH... IT'S FINALLY HERE!

WE ONLY NEED ONE MORE WIN TILL A-RANK, BUT THEY'VE KEPT US WAITING A REAL LONG TIME!

HMPH

THIS TIME FOR SURE, IT'LL BE YUKARI AND SENPAI-SAN!!

IS THAT HOW IT WAS... KURO-GANE...

IS THAT RIGHT...

ONLY HAS ONE LEFT TO GO.

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# The idiot General

TENCHI'S SEEKERS OF THE STARS.

MY SWORD-BEARERS.

I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GREAT APPRECIATION TO YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT AT THIS EARLY HOUR.

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etary

VERY ROUGH -LY.

PLEASE GO THROUGH THEM IN DETAIL.

NOW THEN, LET US GO THROUGH THE NEW CHANGES TO THE HOSHITORI'S PARAMETERS AND RULES,

ITS MORE PRECISE SPECIFICA-TIONS CAN BE EXPLAINED AS WARRANTED IN THE COMING DAYS.

THE NEW UNIFORM'S FUNCTIONALITY IS, ON THE WHOLE, JUST AS YOU SAW IN THE OTHER DAY'S UNVEILING EVENT.

WE'LL BEGIN, THEN, WITH THE ALTE-RATIONS TO THE RULES.

THE TIME LIMITS AND POINT ACQUISITION SYSTEM WILL REMAIN GENERALLY AS BEFORE.

THIS OPTION WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE TO RANKS D THROUGH B AS WELL.

Oh?

UNDER THE PREVIOUS RULES, THOSE OF RANK A OR HIGHER HAD TACIT PERMISSION TO USE CUSTOMIZED WEAPONS.

HOWEVER, THE RANGE OF WEAPONS APPROVED FOR USE WILL BE INCREASING.

おおっ！

Our era has come!

We'll be able to use long weapons like staffs or spears, Kikkawa!!

HOWEVER, YOU MUST MAKE AN OFFICIAL APPLICA-TION FOR THIS.

Look forward to working with you.

Ah... thank you, yes...

Thank you

AND THOSE OF B-RANK OR BELOW MUST CHOOSE FROM A LIMITED SELECTION PREPARED IN ADVANCE BY US.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE HEAD OF OUR WEAPONS MODIFICATION BUREAU.

UNFORTUNATELY, AS DISTINCT FROM THE GRADUATION EVENT, NON-SWORD WEAPONS WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION.

SAGARA-SAN, MIDDLE-SCHOOL SECOND YEAR.

OTHERWISE OUR IDENTITY AS "SWORDS-MANSHIP" SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TO CRUMBLE.

AH...

WILL I BE ABLE TO USE A NUNCHAKU AS A WEAPON, PRESIDENT!!?

NUN-CHA-KU!!

YAY!!! HERE HERE, RIGHT HERE!!

HEY-

BWAHAHA

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MICHI!? OF COURSE YOU CAN'T...

...JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU AIMING FOR...?

AHAHAHAHAHA

Though!

find myself asking that a lot

THAT'S RIGHT...

Dang...

I suppose so...

THE RECOGNIZED-WEAPONS GESTALT YOU JUST ESTABLISHED IS ALREADY FALLING APART!!

TH-

What happened to swords!?

So,

WE'LL BE SURE TO PREPARE A PAIR OF TONFA FOR YOU, INSTEAD.

WOO-HOO!

I KEEP TELLING YOU, STOP JUST ASSUMING WE'RE GOING TO LOSE!!

WHEN I HAVE TO START OVER FROM PUNK BOTTOM, IF I'M STUCK WITH SOME LIGHT-ASS WEAPON IT'LL MEAN FAILURE & DEATH!!!

It's rock bottom!

FOR REAL!?

THEN MAKE A GUITAR VERSION FOR ME!!!

ZOOOOOOOM

YOU DON'T LOOK FOR THE CRIMINAL AFTER YOU CARRY OUT THE SENTENCE!!

When I find the person who taught you to say that, I'll string her up from the nearest tree...

Well, I mean...

I do teach her stuff like that from time to time...!

BEATEN

Instant judgement

Hooh...!

SO WE CAN USE ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEAPONS NOW...

TIME FOR YOUR "WOMAN'S WEAPON" TO TAKE THE STAGE AT LAST, AYANA!

THIS WILL BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE INVOLVED IN THESE NEW REFORMS.

MOVING TO THE NEXT MATTER.

B22—

IT REGARDS THE DIVISION OF THE CAMPUS BATTLEGROUND BY RANK.

TENCHI

AREA A-SA

AREA B

AREA C

AREA D

UP UNTIL NOW, RANKS D, C, AND B HAVE OPERATED IN THREE SEPARATE AREAS, ARRAYED AROUND THE CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING,

WITH THE A-RANK AND SPECIAL A-RANK SWORDBEARERS IN ANOTHER AREA, ISOLATED FROM THESE.

A·SA

BATTLE AREA

HOW-EVER.

STARTING WITH THIS TERM, THE DIVISIONS AMONG THE D, C AND B AREAS WILL BE ELIMINATED.

THEY WILL NOW ALL BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE "HOSHITORI AREA."

murmur...

Hodge-podge ...

AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE...

IN OTHER WORDS, RANKS D, C, AND B ALL MIXED TOGETHER IN ONE HODGEPODGE.

VICTORY AGAINST A HIGHER-RANKED OPPONENT WILL YIELD TWICE THE USUAL NUMBER OF AWARD POINTS.

Oh yes... there was something like that, wasn't there?

I'll be able to pay the loan back quicker...!

Ah, it's Naa-san...

Oohh...

Basically... Challenge

Some-thing like this?

B C C
↓ ↕ ↕
A B Đ

WE ARE ABOLISHING "DOUBLE-UP" DAYS, WHICH PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED LOWER-RANKING SWORDBEARERS TO CHALLENGE HIGHER-RANKING ONES ON THE OCCASION OF SPECIAL EVENTS OR CEREMONIES.

WELL, IT'S ONLY RIGHT. THEY CAN'T HAVE US GOING OUT TO PICK ON THE WEAK.

I GUESS, AS BEFORE, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT JUST WAIT.

If we can use long weapons, we'll be all right!

ALREADY!? DON'T GIVE UP SO QUICKLY, KIKKAWA!!!

OUR ERA IS FINISH-ED!!

All I can see is us getting thrashed by C-rankers!

AGAINST A LOWER-RANKED OPPONENT, THE YIELD IS HALF.

A- AND SPECIAL A-RANKS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THEIR DESIGNATED AREA FOR THEIR VICTORIES TO BE CONSIDERED VALID.

HOWEVER, IN PLACE OF THIS, SWORDBEARERS OUTSIDE OF THE HIGHEST CLASSES WILL NOW BE FREE TO ENGAGE ANYONE OF THE RANK IMMEDIATELY ABOVE OR BELOW THEIRS AT ANY TIME.

THIS DEVICE SHOULD BE FRESH IN THE MEMORIES OF ALL THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE PRESENT HERE LAST TERM.

IT IS INDEED AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE SCOUTING TERMINAL YOU HAVE RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED. IT WILL DISPLAY THE RANK AND LOCATION OF ALL SWORDBEARERS WITHIN YOUR AREA.

ONE OF THESE MACHINES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL SWORD-BEARING STUDENT.

DRAGON RADAR!

IT'S GPS.

WE HAVE THIS USEFUL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT:

TO AID YOU IN FORMULATING A REALISTIC BATTLE PLAN, ALONG WITH THE RANK BADGES,

Parking

PERFEC-TION...!!

Ayana always used to play it on my cell phone.

I believe it's a game.

THE "GNU KEEPER" APP WILL BE INCLUDED FREE.

ON AN ADDI-TIONAL NOTE,

IT IS HOPED YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ITS OPERATION ON YOUR OWN.

What?

Gnu...

THAT IS ALL.

WASTED BLANK PERIODS SIMPLY DULL THE SENSES.

I DO NOT WISH FOR YOU TO MISS A SINGLE TOLL OF THE BELL.

THESE RULE CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT RIGHT NOW.

AS OF THIS VERY INSTANT, THE NEW HOSHITORI IS OPERATIONAL.

YUKARI...

I WISH FOR YOU TO APPROACH EACH DAY

IF WE CAN CHALLENGE PEOPLE IN THE HIGHER RANKS ANY TIME...

MREH!?

THAT MEANS ...

murmur murmur

!

.....!

WITH A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO EFFORT AND DILIGENCE.

Took you long enough.

YUP...

IT MEANS JUST WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

murmur

THAT THE GLORIOUS STARS MAY BE WITH...

MY HIGH-HOPED FOOT-SOLDIERS OF THE SWORD.

murmur

Um...

Oh...?

Has something happened again, Momoka-san?

Yes?

WANKO.

WEAPONS, RANKS...

SOUNDS LIKE FEWER AND FEWER BARRIERS'LL BE IN MY WAY.

HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR THAT!

WELL NOW.

LOOKS LIKE THINGS GOT A BIT MORE INTERESTING.

YOU BET.

CERTAINLY SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

THINGS'LL BE REAL EASY FOR HIDE NOW.

I'VE DECIDED!!

SO THEN,

MEETING ADJOURNED!

I'll tell you later.

...And so, what exactly is it you've decided...?

I see... so you have...

Ehhhhh!!?

ANYONE CAUGHT OFFENDING WILL BE GIVEN CLEANING DUTY FOR EVERY BATHROOM ON CAMPUS, SO BE ADVISED.

EHHH

BOO!

BOO!

AND TRYING TO SLEEP IN CLASS BECAUSE WE HAD AN EARLY-MORNING MEETING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

AH,

ZZZ ZZZ

SHE SAW THROUGH US...

# 1st Period

Diiiing—

Doooong—

Diiiing—

PRE-SI-DENT...

UM...

I THINK THERE'S NO WAY, BUT... DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE PLANNING ON RINGING THE BELL TODAY?

WHAT IS IT?

IF SO, THIS TIME OF ALL TIMES I REALLY CAN'T APPROVE...

WITH THIS, ALL PREPA-RATIONS ARE SET.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE BELL.

Clack

NOW THEN.

Right...

THE STUDENTS HAVE A GREAT MANY MATTERS TO ATTEND TO AS WELL. THEY NEED TIME TO MAKE SURE THEIR TERMINALS WORK CORRECTLY AND TO APPLY FOR WEAPONS.

COME NOW, SHIZUKU. THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT.

Ah ha ha ha!

I'M NOT A DEMON.

YOU THINK I'D PURPOSELY CREATE NEEDLESS CHAOS, JUST FOR A LAUGH?

AT THE BRIEFING, YOU MADE NO PROVISIONS FOR ANY KIND OF PREPARATORY PHASE...

THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE, BUT...

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Go-go-...

ガラーン

THAT'S WAY TOO FAST!!!

Sword-bearers, please keep it down

There's no use trying, Sensei.

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ALREADY!?

WHOA...

Eeeeeh?

WAS THAT THE BELL?

WHAT...?

The real one!?

...--NG

ゴゴゴ

DA~DING!

?

A-RANK-ERS'... AREA...

BA~BING!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

From the termi nals?

WHAT?

DI-DING!

MN?

DA-DING!

KURO!!

AYANA!!

I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT LOOKS LIKE IT'S START-ING! WE'D BETTER HURRY UP AND GET TO THE-

WHAT'S THIS, A FREAK-ING DISAS-TER DRILL!?

THIS IS NOT AN ACTUAL HOSHI-TORI.

THIS IS JUST A TEST.

EHHM, TESTING, TESTING.

AHH

Geez— president!

That bell just now was a full-on body attack from Tatewaki

GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE SO WONDER-FULLY ON-EDGE.

YOU ALL PASS.

IN ADDITION, I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF THIS TEST TO PASS ALONG SOME SUPPLE-MENTARY INFORMATION.

THIS IS YOUR GATE NUMBER FOR ACCESS INTO THE BATTLE AREA.

GATE 2 CHECK

DO YOU ALL SEE THE NUMBER DISPLAYED ON YOUR TERMINALS?

REPORT TO WHICHEVER GATE YOUR TERMINAL INDICATES TO CHECK IN BEFORE ENTRY.

THIS IS A MEASURE TAKEN TO ENSURE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE GROUNDS. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK IT EACH TIME.

INSTALLATION

I guess right here is good?

. . .

. . .

CUT OUT

'K THEN.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CLASSES.

THAT WAS IT!!?

IF YOU'RE NOT A DEMON, WHAT ARE YOU?

ANY ENDEAVOR REQUIRES PRACTICE.

I TRY TO MAKE IT FUN FOR THEM.

Hmm-hm-hm-hmmm-hmm

♪♪♪

*YOU'RE* THE ONLY ONE HAVING ANY FUN!

Interrupting class for nothing!

INTENTIONALLY LEAVING SOMETHING OUT OF THE BRIEFING JUST SO YOU COULD AMBUSH THEM WITH IT AFTERWARDS...

I THINK I'VE HAD ABOUT ENOUGH OF THE PRESI-DENT'S JOKES.

crowded

crowded

That startled me

What the heck...

GOOD GRIEF...

I'M GOING TO TAKE A NAP, THEN GO HUNTING.

...I see. Well, do as you please.

EN-SUU!

I'M GOING BACK TO THE DORM. HOW ABOUT YOU?

IT'S TOO MUCH OF A PAIN TO GO BACK TO CLASS.

I'LL JUST SKIP OUT.

WHY, IF IT ISN'T MEIKO!

THIS IS QUITE THE RARE TREAT. IT'S BEEN SOME TIME!

OHH?

...HI-DE-YA.

Tch...

Ah ha...

JUST AS COLD AS EVER!

I NEVER EVEN SEE YOU IN THE DORMS, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE HERE ON THE SAME CAMPUS ALL DAY.

IMAI ROSE-ANNA TSUBAKI!

THIS IS HIDE'S SHIN-YUU.

YOU HAVEN'T MET, HAVE YOU?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!

V-... VERY NICE TO MEET YOU.

EH...

HIDE WAS FEELING REALLY STRESSED OUT ABOUT IT.

I WONDERED IF MAYBE YOU WERE AVOIDING ME.

NOT THAT I ESPECI-ALLY MINDED.

AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S BEEN HIDING?

YOUR SHINYUU'S FROM CHINA, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

SHE'S HALF FOREIGN BLOOD.

YOU TWO NEED TO GET BACK TO CLASS TOO, RIGHT?

COULD WE CUT IT SHORT HERE?

MN?

OH YES. I SUP-POSE SO.

.....

HIDE AND MEIKO.

WE'RE A LOT ALIKE.

AH, THAT'S RIGHT! MEIKO!

SHE STRESSED ME OUT SO MUCH, THAT I DID A LITTLE RESEARCH ON HER.

AND I FOUND OUT...

THE OTHER DAY HIDE GOT EMBARRASSED BY THIS INSOLENT GIRL NAMED MUDOU.

WE REALLY ARE ALIKE IN EVERY-THING.

TO MUDOU AYANA.

YOU LOST TO HER TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

I'M GOING TO BEAT THAT GIRL, AND SHOW YOU.

THAT HIDE'S DIFFERENT FROM MEIKO.

THAT'S WHY

EH?
AH... YES?
THAT WAS YOUR NAME, WASN'T IT?
...IMAI-SAN.
IS THAT RIGHT...
SHE'S A PAIN, ISN'T SHE?
THAT WOMAN.
!
..... I...
WELL, SEE YOU.
I was born and raised in Katsushika...
I'm sorry...
UNDER-STAND ENGLISH AT ALL.
I DON'T...
I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO WAY HIDEYA WOULD JUST LEAVE THINGS LIKE THAT.
I SEE.
Why that far!!?
Why don't you go take English conver-sation classes!?
You tick me off, Tsubaki !!!
TO GET A LITTLE MORE ENJOYME NT OUT OF HER.
LOOKS LIKE I MIGHT BE ABLE...

Awawahh~

Awawahh~

wahh~

...nally get to hear what's on your mind, and...

I fi...

Eh!?

OUT OF MUDOU AYANA.

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HOLD UP, YOUR VOICE, KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!

NO...

We're still in the middle of classes.

Wanko, calm down

chatter chatter

You were plotting such a monumental thing...!

Mo-moka-san...

IF I DO THIS, I FEEL LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME THINGS I CAN'T SEE RIGHT NOW.

THERE'S NO WAY OF SAYING WHEN THE REAL THING WILL COME, SO I HAD TO TALK TO YOU NOW.

THIS IS WHAT I'VE DECIDED ON.

KUROGANE HAYATE'S STAR!

Did Moka-chan go back already?

THE NEXT TIME THE BELL RINGS, I WANNA GO TO TAKE IT...

If you require it, Momoka-san...

I will give you everything I have...!!!

ビクッ!!

Ohh...

I-

WOBBLEWOBBLE

Bam!

FIRST THING, BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING... CAN I ASK YOU TO LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH??

OKAY, WANKO?

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Yes!!

LET'S GO OUT THERE AND WIN!!

THANKS, WANKO.

WE'LL WIN!! I DUNNO HOW EXACTLY, BUT WE'LL FIND A WAY!!

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I'll think of something!!

Fooooooooom!!

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Which means, by necessity... that I'll be going up against Mudou-san...?

Ohh...

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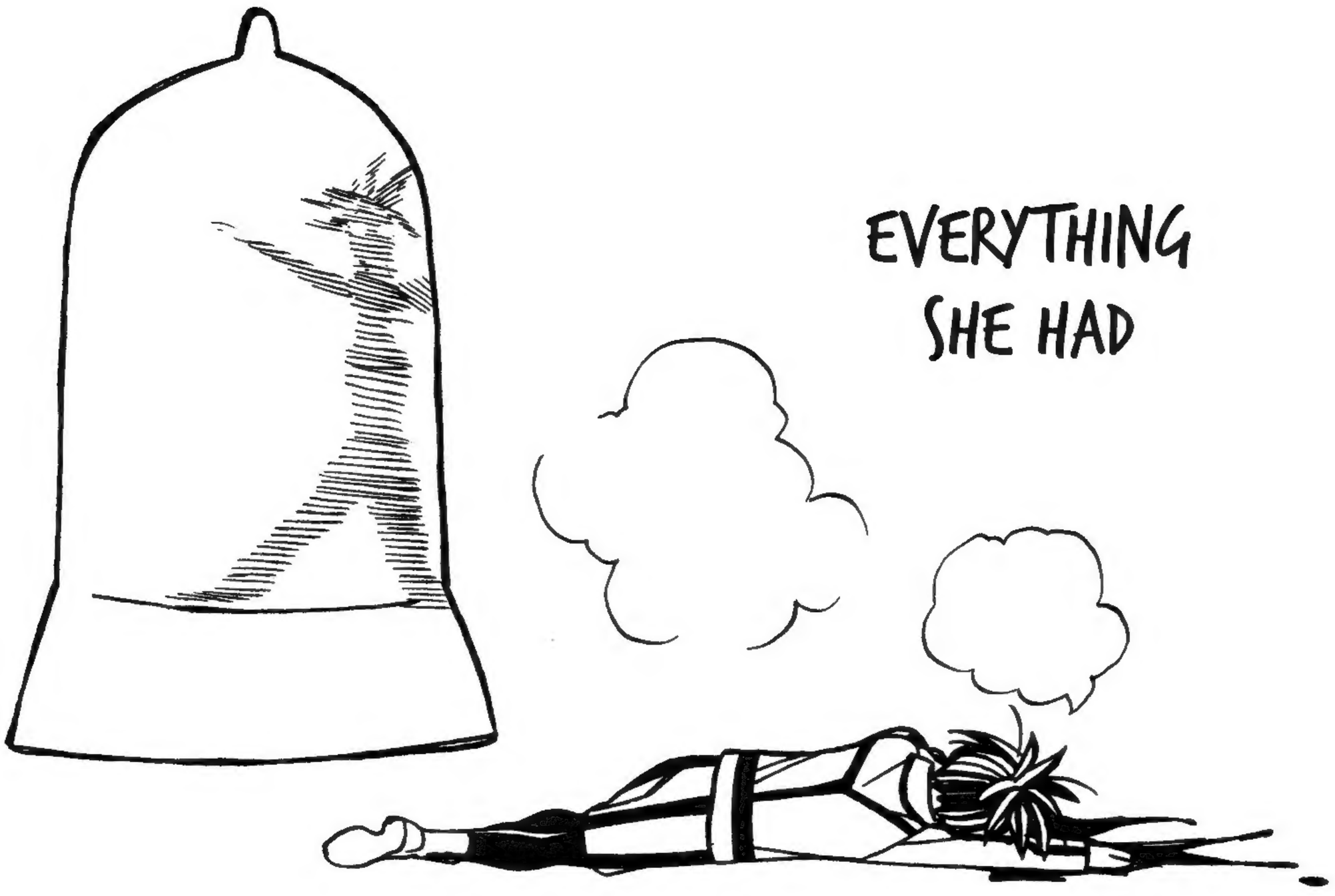
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TENCHI ACADEMY SWORDBEARER REGISTER

◎ Name

# 知花 叶依

◎ Reading Chihana Kanai

## ■ DATA

◎ Year and Class

Middle School,
1st Year, Class C

◎ Height

178 cm (5' 10'')

◎ Weight

60 kg (132 lbs)

◎ Date of Birth

August 21st

◎ Star Sign

Leo

◎ Blood Type

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◎ Favorite Phrase

Ichariba choudee
("Once we've met, we're family")

◎ Family Members

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